

Tuesday, June 25, 1996

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6761–S6903*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1902–1906. **Pages S6849–50**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:  
Special Report on Allocation of Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for fiscal year 1997.

S. 1802, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming. (S. Rept. No. 104–290)

S. 1871, to expand the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–291)

H.R. 1772, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

H.R. 2660, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 2679, to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 2982, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama.

S. 1784, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6849**

### Measures Passed:

*Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge:* Senate passed S. 1903, to designate the bridge, estimated to be completed in the year 2000, that replaces the bridge on Missouri Highway 74 spanning from East Girardeau, Illinois, to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge". **Page S6820**

**Campaign Finance Reform:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 1219, to reform the financing of Federal elections. **Pages S6761–S6817**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 168), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S6817**

**DOD Authorizations:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 1745, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, with committee amendments, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

**Pages S6821–26, S6829–48**

### Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 169), Lieberman Amendment No. 4156, to provide for a quadrennial defense review and an independent assessment of alternative force structures for the Armed Forces. **Pages S6829–34**

Byrd Amendment No. 4274, to provide for certain scientific research on possible causes of Gulf War syndrome, and to provide military medical and dental benefits for children of Gulf War veterans who have congenital defects or catastrophic illnesses. **Pages S6835–36, S6837–38**

Bingaman Amendment No. 4275, to require the Secretary of Defense to take such actions as are necessary to reduce the cost of renovation of the Pentagon Reservation. **Page S6837**

### Withdrawn:

Bingaman Amendment No. 4276, to repeal the permanent end strengths. **Pages S6838–39**

Gregg Amendment No. 4277, to state the sense of the Senate relating to the use of Federal Bureau of Investigation files. **Pages S6839–42**

### Pending:

Kyl/Reid Amendment No. 4049, to authorize underground nuclear testing under limited conditions. **Page S6821**

Kempthorne Amendment No. 4089, to waive any time limitation that is applicable to awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross to certain persons. **Page S6821**

Warner/Hutchison Amendment No. 4090 (to Amendment No. 4089), to amend title 18, United

States Code, with respect to the stalking of members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their immediate families. **Page S6821**

A second motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Thursday, June 27, 1996. **Page S6848**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, June 26, 1996, with a cloture vote to occur thereon at 9:30 a.m.

**Minimum Wage/Gas Tax/Team Act—Consent Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of H.R. 3448, to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, and to increase the take home pay of workers, on Monday, July 8, 1996.

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A further unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 3415, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent increase in the transportation motor fuels excise tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury, and immediately following passage thereof, the Senate consider S. 295, to permit labor management cooperative efforts that improve America's economic competitiveness to continue to thrive, with final disposition to occur thereon.

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S6900–03**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—169) **Pages S6817, S6834**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 26, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6903.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings in closed session to examine Federal Government use and management of the electromagnetic radio frequency spectrum, after receiving testimony from Clarence L. Irving, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information; Barry Horton, Principal Deputy Secretary of Defense; Vice Adm. Arthur K. Cebrowski, USN, Director, Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Systems Directorate, Joint Staff/Joint Chiefs of Staff; Steve Killion, Section Chief, Information Resources Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Frank E. Kruesi, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy.

### GSA LEASING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded oversight hearings to examine the impact of Federal streamlining efforts on General Services Administration leasing activities, after receiving testimony from Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, and Thomas Sherman, Acting Regional Administrator, National Capital Region, both of the General Services Administration; Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce/Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks; and Michael T. Shehadi, Charles E. Smith Realty Companies, Arlington, Virginia.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of James Francis Creagan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, Leslie M. Alexander, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, and Lino Gutierrez, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Creagan was introduced by Senator Robb.

### AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs resumed hearings to examine prospects for peace in Afghanistan, receiving testimony from Abdul Rahim Ghafoorzai, Afghanistan Deputy Foreign Minister, and Mohammad Ishagh, Afghan News, both of Kabul, Afghanistan;